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# Health Freedom Minute

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## Set Seniors Free with Cash

We asked President Trump not to appoint Dr. Oz as head of the Medicare administration. He's a fan of the Medicare Advantage rationing program. Unfortunately, Oz got the position. As a result, his agency is using AI to impose prior authorization on seniors enrolled in Original Medicare. Original Medicare has never required prior authorization, but Dr. Oz is now requiring it in six states for a list of procedures.

In Washington state, this means Medicare patients are waiting two to four times longer for procedures they'd get right away in the other 44 states. Senior citizens may figure out too late what's been done to them. This is not the way to reduce costs. Set seniors free with cash and catastrophic coverage.

**“Federal Test of AI Prior Authorization is Delaying Care for Seniors, report says,”** Tara Bannow, STAT, April 22, 2026:

[https://www.statnews.com/2026/04/22/cms-wiser-program-delays-care-washington-state-hospitals-senator-says/?utm\\_campaign=health\\_tech&utm\\_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--LMkz62-FQP-JB5c9gDQTdr011LS2ZgXXFix1FK\\_Y1AshtuFzDoHUI1TaMBvaSTCv0BvqH1h-0gMtElbnM9KVdjA&hsmi=415333359&utm\\_content=415333359&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.statnews.com/2026/04/22/cms-wiser-program-delays-care-washington-state-hospitals-senator-says/?utm_campaign=health_tech&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz--LMkz62-FQP-JB5c9gDQTdr011LS2ZgXXFix1FK_Y1AshtuFzDoHUI1TaMBvaSTCv0BvqH1h-0gMtElbnM9KVdjA&hsmi=415333359&utm_content=415333359&utm_source=hs_email)

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